

### Claim Amendments

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A thermoplastic vulcanizate, comprising:  
a thermoplastic (A);  
an at least partially vulcanized rubber (B);  
a plasticizer (C);  
conventional additives (D) other than plasticizer or surface modifier; and  
a surface modifier (E), which migrates uniformly onto a surface and forms a ~~continuous, waxlike, solid wax~~ wax layer.
2. (Currently Amended) The thermoplastic vulcanizate according to claim 1, wherein ~~surface modifier (E) is a substance from the group of the hydroxy-stearates and/or their derivatives.~~ conventional additives are selected from the group consisting of fillers, aging protectants, UV stabilizers, UV absorbers, color pigments, flameproofing agents, flow promoters and process adjuvants.
3. (Original) The thermoplastic vulcanizate according to claim 2, wherein the surface modifier (E) is selected from the group consisting of methylhydroxystearate, castor oil, a castor oil derivative, and combinations thereof.
4. (Original) The thermoplastic vulcanizate according to claim 3, wherein the surface modifier (E) is a hydrogenated castor oil.
5. (Original) The thermoplastic vulcanizate according to claim 1, wherein the vulcanizate has the following quantitative portions in regard to components (A, B, C):

thermoplastic rubber (A)	60 to 5 wt. %
rubber (B)	20 to 45 wt. %
plasticizer (C)	20 to 50 wt. %

6. (Original) The thermoplastic vulcanizate according to claim 4, wherein the vulcanizate has the following quantitative portions in regard to components (A, B, C):

thermoplastic rubber (A)	50 to 15 wt. %
rubber (B)	25 to 40 wt. %
plasticizer (C)	25 to 45 wt. %

7. (Original) The thermoplastic vulcanizate according to claim 5, wherein the conventional additives (D) are added in 0.02 to 0.5-fold weight amount, in reference to the total of the three components (A, B, C).

8. (Original) The thermoplastic vulcanizate according to claim 6, wherein the conventional additives (D) are added in 0.02 to 0.5-fold weight amount, in reference to the total of the three components (A, B, C).

9. (Original) The thermoplastic vulcanizate according to claim 7, wherein the surface modifier (E) is added in 0.005 to 0.1-fold weight amount, in reference to the total of the four components (A, B, C, D).

10. (Original) The thermoplastic vulcanizate according to claim 8, wherein the surface modifier (E) is added in 0.005 to 0.1-fold weight amount, in reference to the total of the four components (A, B, C, D).